



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair Melissa Graffigna called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; a quorum was present with eight (8) members.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Agader, David Ellis, Melissa Graffigna, Dean Hazama, Doug Mossman, Kimberly Ribellia, Alan Suwa, and Pamela Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marlene Blackwell.

GUESTS: David Johnson, Calvin Maeda (Mililani Town Association), Don Robbins (Kanupepa), Gerard Ellamar (Representative Marcus Oshiro's Office staff), Representative Marilyn Lee, Lt. Kurt Nakamura and Commander Michael Thomas (Honolulu Police Department), Capt. Michael Smith (Honolulu Fire Department), Jan Kemp (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Brian Sekiguchi (Deputy Director, State Department of Transportation; Governor's representative), Scout Troop 664; Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project -- HHCTCP); Brandon Mitsuda (Council Chair Dela Cruz's Office Staff); Tony Gaston and Kathy Best (Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii Inc.); Patrick Campbell (US Army), Randolph Moore (Acting Assistant Superintendent – DOE), David Johnson (Nahona Complex), Nola Frank and Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

POSTING OF COLORS BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 664: Acting Chair Graffigna requested Scouts from Mililani Mauka Boy Scout Troop 664 to present the United States and the State of Hawaii Colors. Scouts led in giving the Pledge of Allegiance, posted colors and retired from the meeting. Chair Graffigna thanked the Scouts.

RECOGNITION: BOY SCOUT TROOP #664: Mossman requested that a presentation of Boy Scout Troop #664 be held at the August 15, 2006 Board meeting to individually recognize troop (30) members.

BOARD HOUSEKEEPING: The Board proceeded with the election of officers for a one year term:

Election of Chair – Young nominated Melissa Graffigna; Suwa nominated Kimberly Ribellia. Ellis moved, Agader seconded to close the nominations. Both nominees gave brief summaries of their interest as a leader to support active participation and communication between this Board, its community and government and other organizations.

Ribellia was elected Chair by a vote of 5 to 3; Ribellia: Agader, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia and Suwa. **Graffigna:** Ellis, Graffigna and Young. With that Acting Chair Graffigna relinquished the gavel. Ribellia thanked the Board for the honor of serving as chair.

Election of Vice-Chair – Young nominated Melissa Graffigna; Suwa nominated Dean Hazama. Young moved, Ellis seconded to close the nominations. Hazama was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 5 to 3. Hazama: Ribellia, Agader, Suwa, Hazama, Mossman. **Graffigna:** Ellis, Young, Graffigna.

Election of Secretary – Graffigna nominated Dana Agader; Young nominated Marlene Blackwell. Graffigna moved, Agader seconded to close the nominations. Agader was elected Secretary by a vote of 6 to 2. Agader: Ribellia, Graffigna, Agader, Suwa, Hazama, Mossman. **Blackwell:** Ellis, Young.

Election of Treasurer – Hazama nominated Alan Suwa. Being there were no other nominations, Suwa was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Selection of Committees and Respective Chairs – Chair Ribellia entertained deferring until the next meeting; no objections followed.

Determination of recess months – It was moved and seconded to recess in the months of July and December 2006. The motion carried by unanimous consent.



Determination regarding the Expenditure of Funds – Chair Ribellia entertains that the Board is requesting the reallocation of Board funding from the Operating Account to the Publicity Account for anticipated overages. **Request to Allocate Funds in one category** – Graffigna moved, Young seconded to send a letter to the Neighborhood Commission Office requesting the reallocation of funding in amounts necessary to cover overages. The motion carried by unanimous consent. No discussion and no objections followed.

Cinema Tech Videotaping for Olelo – Young moved, Ellis seconded to approve amending the Olelo Videotaping contract to 11 meetings at \$100.00 per meeting; and videotaping nine (9) regular Board meetings and two (2) special Board meetings. No discussion, no objection followed. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chair Ribellia relinquished the gavel to Alan Suwa, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Corrections followed:

- Page 4, under Representative Marilyn Lee, line 5 - delete Kapolei High School, insert Mililani High School.

Hazama moved, Young seconded the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2006 was approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: For May 2006, Suwa reported: 1) Operating Account incurred expenses totaling \$99.78, leaving a balance to-date of \$990.41. 2) Publicity Account incurred expenses totaling \$614.58, leaving a balance to-date of \$262.42. 3) Refreshment Account incurred expenses totaling \$19.58, leaving a balance to-date of \$34.22. **Hazama moved, Agader seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report of May 2006 for filing. The motion carried by unanimous consent.** Note: binders and index dividers have been ordered through the NCO.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND CONCERNS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Smith (Mililani-Mauka Station):'

- Responded to: 2 structure, 5 brush, 4 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire; 19 medical and 10 search/rescue (auto accidents) emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tip: Take the time to childproof your home, especially since keiki are on summer vacation. Check for potentially dangerous situations, i.e. electrical shock, accidental falls, or poisoning from medications, cleaning fluids, and houseplants. Keep matches and lighters in a safe place and out of the reach of small children.
- With the recent auto accident responses, Capt. Smith emphasized driving with caution and always, "buckle your seat belt"!

Ellis commented on the increase of homes soon to be built in this area whether there would be an increase for fire and ambulance services to accommodate this expansion. He is requesting someone to come to next months meeting regarding this concern and the project cost.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Following the introduction of Commander Michael Thomas, Lt. Nakamura reported:

- May's statistics of 16 burglaries, 17 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle and 20 thefts. Crimes are down considerably; but during the summer months, if you are aware of any suspicious activities and call 911.
- The "Click It or Ticket" Campaign currently.

Ellis posed the same concern whether HPD will be increasing positions because of the housing development (17,000+ increase) coming up. Commander Thomas indicated that HPD continues to project for more staffing, however, appropriation is dependent on funding. HPD continues to look at a six-year expenditure projection plan.

Military – Maj. Patrick Campbell reported:

- All troops previously deployed from February and March has returned.
- A deployment ceremony will be held on Friday, July 7, 2006 for soldiers deploying to Iraq.
- Maj. Hughes will be reporting at the next meeting in August, since the Board will be recessing in July.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Jan Kemp reported:

- No main breaks in May.
- Highlights of “Hawaii Backyard Conservation”, a 20-page resource pamphlet with ideas for every homeowner. It has a wealth of knowledge, including grassroots conservation methods to use in your home and small things you can do to help be more eco-friendly in your everyday life. Call the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office at 483-8600 ext. 3, if you would like more pamphlets.
- Alert – the water quality report will going out to all BWS customers.
- Did You Know? Washing one car use up to 150 gallons or more of water! Use of a trigger nozzle can save 100 gallons of water, almost ten small fish tanks!

Kemp will look into the review and analysis in the anticipation of Koa Ridge and report back at the next meeting.

O’ahu Arts Center (OAC) – Graffigna announced OAC will be holding a fund raiser - “Night of the Arts” on Saturday, August 26, 2006, 5:00 p.m., at Mililani Golf Course. Tickets are \$50 (see Ribellia for information).

Central O’ahu Regional Park (CORP) – Young reported the contract with the private not for profit, Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation, will end and the City will continue the operations of the complex on or about July 22.

Castle & Cooke Homes (CCH) – Tony Gaston:

- Reported on upper Lehiwa Street – the traffic signal parts are on order. He hopes it’ll be operational by November/December ‘06.
- Reported on Recreation Center 7 – CCH and Mililani Town Association (MTA), both have interest in the three issues: roof leaks and condensation; the floor tiles; and the mold. An independent third party will be brought in to make a ruling on the floor tiles. Air testing was performed on the molding, which is undeniably an allergy that can be affected by ingestion or by breathing in the air. The result was that Hawaii will always be affected because of the humidity, but in Mililani, more so because of the temperature. MTA also hired their people to analyze the mold. The concern of both CCH and MTA is that they both don’t want to turn over or accept the facility that will be a liability to the corporate, the homeowners, and the association. Gaston apologized that it is taking so long, but the commitment is going forward.
- Responded to inquiries to public safety (fire, police, water, etc.) of new developments – whether a small sub division or an entire master plan - has to go before a review; and a county/state Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, which in the study, will address fire, police, water, etc.

Questions, comments and answers: 1) Ellis asked what are we looking at in terms of tax dollars or projected costs’ to the tax payers being spent on new developments in the future; and what are we responding to police positions, the buildings, water pump stations, etc.; and what are we looking at on the projected cost to the tax payers.

Dana Agader left during this portion of the meeting (7 members present).

Honolulu Transit Corridor Coalition – Pat Lee reported being in the second round of public meetings to be held on: Saturday, June 24, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at Kapolei Hale Auditorium; Monday, June 26, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Honolulu Hale, Mission Memorial Auditorium; and on Wednesday, June 28, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria. Presented will be information on cost rider ship and rendering demonstrations of different alternatives; and studies on the 23-mile corridor.

Questions and answers:

1. Ellis asked why it is going into the University of Hawaii-Manoa corridor, rather than one going from H-1 to Central Oahu; and why is this corridor still on the books when it’s really not a critical corridor. Lee noted by year 2030, most of the growth will be in the Primary Urban Center and demographics also suggest estimates of ridership will be in that area. The line is not specific for the University area, but looking at and including: Waikiki, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Airport, Ala Moana, Kakaako, and the Kapolei areas, which are considered high activity, a lot of movement and trip destination areas.

2. Young reiterated Ellis' comments - that rather than going out to U.H.-Manoa or Waikiki, why not to Central Oahu. Lee's response noted demographic issues and growth in that area. The Waikiki, Airport, Ala Moana and Kakaako areas are high activity areas, lot of movement and trip destinations. 2) Young noted that it is understandable to take care of Waikiki; what about a consideration for Central Oahu. Lee mentioned that this is a study proposal, the project is to be built in future phases and the system can always be amended/changed for future spurs. Also, this is in part to get the ball rolling for the federal funding process.
3. Ellis said in the news tonight there was mention of a toll road. Ellis' comment was who came up with the idea that a toll road would work in Hawaii. Lee noted a statement by Cliff Slater included an elevated/managed lane (HOT lane) alternative to the rail system.
4. Suwa mentioned the Board's submittal of a resolution in support of a spur to Mililani. He asked if any opposition to change that direction was raised. Lee reply was nothing is a done deal.

Board member Dean Hazama left at during this portion of the meeting. (6 members present)

Other Community Concerns:

1. David Johnson, representing the Board of Directors of the Nahona Complex, shared concern about the on-street parking on Ukuwai Street. He maintains this is a dense community where parking is scare and going to really be an issue with the New Town development going up. Gaston explained when Castle & Cooke built in that area it was designed to City standards, but he will go back and ask the questions.
2. Johnson maintains there's a problem in the future when an additional two or three hundred town homes are built and yet a stronger need. Are there any projected plans? Gaston said the projected planning is not necessarily for parking, but addresses more of the traffic movement; although parking is an issue.
3. In response to Ribellia's question regarding the road dedication, Gaston said another two years. Ribellia knew of streets where permits were issued for on-street parking and asked that Gaston follow-up with the City representative.
4. Young shared concern that green waste pickup days had been changed and residents were wondering why the change.
5. Suwa raised concern regarding illegal parking fronting a fire hydrant; does the car get cited or towed? Call 911 – non-emergency to report the violation. There is a 4-foot clearance either side of the hydrant.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Gordon Bruce highlighted:

- CIP budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – \$500,000 has been appropriated for planning and design of Mauka District Park improvements.
- Work on the Ala Wai Canal wastewater bypass estimated to be completed by the end of the year.
- Community Update - High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project meetings are scheduled: Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Kapolei Hale Auditorium; Monday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.; and on Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria.
- Mayor's Chinatown Summit on Thursday, June 22 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Hawaii Theater.
- Bill 35 (2006) - a one-time tax credit granted to additional property owners who replace their cesspools to septic tank systems; and Bill 36 (2006) CD1, clarifies existing ordinance relating to the monthly rental rate for telecommunications facilities on City property.

Governor's Representative – Brian Sekiguchi distributed the Governor's Update and highlighted on:

- Northwestern Hawaiian Islands designated as the world's largest marine protected area.
- Governor Lingle visited Connecticut to dedicate USS Hawaii, the U.S. Navy's newest and most advanced nuclear attack submarine.
- A traffic report of June 16, 2006 was circulated for interested persons to read.

- The “No Smoking” policy for Honolulu International Airport begins November 16, 2006.
- DOT will be conducting public hearings on the harbor improvement requirements for the Superferry in the coming weeks.

Council Chair Dela Cruz – Brandon Mitsuda distributed the City Council Calendar and Council Chairs’ monthly newsletter. He proceeded to report on:

- Bus Stop in Upper Mililani Mauka – bus service will be implemented for Upper Mililani Mauka, two routes - Route 501 and 505, will be added. The service is included in the Central Oahu Bus Service Improvement Plan. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will submit a budget to fund service in FY 2008.
- “No Parking” signs – the request for “no parking” signs on both sides of lower Wikao Street has been investigated and found that there are existing “No Parking Anytime” signs posted on both sides of Wikao Street for its entire length, including its turnaround area. However, we issued a Special Services Report to replace missing and faded signs and a speed limit sign along Wikao Street. Should you have any questions please call Tammy Nakajo at 527-5006.
- A very successful recycling project over at Leilehua High School on April 22; and Kahaluu Regional Park on May 27.
- Rehabilitation of Streets: a) pothole repair at Ukuwai Street and Ainamakua Drive, the Department of Facility and Maintenance said those potholes have been repaired. b) Schedule for resurfacing by May 2007 – Meheula Parkway, Ainamakua Drive, Makaikai Street, and Ukuwai Street. Contact Mike Yuen, Project Manager, of DDC at 523-4228 with any questions or concerns.
- Response to James Roller - DTS has conducted a traffic study of the intersection of Wikao Street and the entrances to the Terraces, Wood Creek, and Wood Creek Crossing and found that people were turning in accordance with stop signs and certain procedures, however, Council Chairs’ office has taken a proactive measure by asking HPD to make sure that individuals were in fact following these stop signs.
- Continuing efforts to work with HPD to address speeding on Meheula Parkway.

Graffigna asked that the issues for Launani Valley be forwarded to the Launani Valley Community Association; Mitsuda acknowledged the request.

State Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee distributed her newsletter (extra copies were available at the sign-in table) and reported:

- A letter she received from the Department of Education (DOE) saying they will be working on playground improvement and equipment at Mililani Iki Elementary School.

State Representative Marcus Oshiro – Gerald Ellamar apologized that the Representative Oshiro had a previous engagement and announced that the community report will be coming out soon and was open for questions.

There were no other Legislative Reports or reports from Senators Bunda and Menor.

Before moving on, Suwa thanked all the public officials and representatives for supporting this Board in the past.

NEW BUSINESS AND/OR COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS: (Discussion and Action)

Department of Education’s (DOE) Plans for Funding and Building of schools in Central Oahu in conjunction with the increasing development – According to Randy Moore, Acting Assistant Superintendent, DOE’s plans are a function of the developer’s plan, so, the plans for Koa Ridge and Waiawa Ridge should materialize as the developer’s contemplate, DOE would have elementary, middle and high schools that would follow the developer’s timetable. DOE’s objective, depending on the ability of nearby schools to accommodate additional students typically is designed for 600 students and opens at 300 students and builds from there. However, in the Mililani area, there is no room for students, so assuming there is still room at Pearl City schools, the current plan looking at 2011 or 2012, initially will still assign students to the Pearl City Schools.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Graffigna started off with Ribellia’s question whether BOE had been in contact with the developer of Koa Ridge, and how many schools are they looking at considering the projection of 17,000 homes. Moore

confirmed contact with the developer; and there would be: in Koa Ridge - two or three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school; and in Waiawa Ridge – two or three elementary schools, one middle and one high school.

2. Understanding what the plans are, Graffigna says the real concern is whether funding will be available to build the schools. Moore indicated that the DOE cannot submit a request to the legislature and assuming they appropriated the funds, the funding would lapse before the money can even be spent.
3. Graffigna asked what about planning and design, but according to Moore, there is no planning and design without any sites. But Graffigna's understanding is that there are sites. Moore indicated that there are pictures on a map but that is not something that you can use to plan; and the developer's plan can typically change so they can spend a lot of energy on specific leaps and bounds only to find out that's not what's going to happen.
4. Graffigna asked Representative Lee to keep track to make sure that funding goes in. Representative Lee explained that the CIP projects funding works session by session such as a matrix – where school building needs are prioritized. But unless the project is on the matrix, it is usually not funded. So to provide funding ahead of time for a proposed development would require a change in the system. Lee thinks it's a good idea to discuss it because the concerns are valid, but at this point this is not possible.
5. The matrix is updated annually by the Board of Education. Ribellia questioned the time period involved from when a developer submits a projection of 17,000 homes because she it's obvious that the BOE is involved in that discussion. BOE knows based on the projections what is being required, so at that point when do you go to the Legislature to ask for the money. Moore said they would ask for the money so that they can improve it it'll be on a timetable such as when the school will open projection.

Her understanding from the area that part of the problem is: 1) the school are not projected big enough or put in soon enough, and 2) the hurdle is there's never enough funding to build the schools. So, again she asked if the request is being put in a timely manner to make sure there are enough money and schools. Moore said if they thought that the schools would need to be opened by 2011 they would put in for the money by 2008.

6. Ellis noted understanding the Board's concern that the DOE has consistently underestimated the needs of the community. Particularly true in Mauka and Mililani, and the Waipio and Gentry areas where the kids don't go to schools in Mililani, and are currently bused to Pearl City. This severely impacts the Pearl City area as well. He further comments that the way things are going, the developer will have had put up 10,000 homes before the first school is even built. He maintains that planning needs to be done way in advance and it's not being done.

Moore said the DOE maintains a rolling six year plan updated annually. The State's process is such that funds will lapse; and perhaps that may be something that needs to be revisited; and within the department the job is to be as technically as accurate as can to determine what is needed and to set forth the needs.

The discussion continued at length regarding impact fees, etc.; concerns that statistically the quality of education in an overly capacitated school that there will be children that lack the quality of education; concerns to push toward building these schools in a timely manner; the enrollment projection for Mililani needs to be re-evaluated.

Motion: Ribellia moved, Young seconded to send a letter to the Department of Parks & Recreation requesting Park closure time from 10:00PM to 5:00AM daily at Mililani Mauka District Park and Mililani Mauka Community Park. No discussion followed. The motion carried by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Discussion and Action)

Resolution Urging the State Department of Transportation and Legislature to properly plan for the construction of, and budget for the funding of, roadways and other transit infrastructure needed in Central Oahu because of current and future development – Ellis called a point of order noting that it failed by a vote 4 to 5; and concurred that the resolution referred to was incorrect. Graffigna explained that Ellis was referring to the wrong resolution. Ribellia moved, Mossman seconded the motion to adopt the resolution urging the State Department of Transportation and Legislature to properly plan for the construction of, and budget for the

funding of, roadways and other transit infrastructure needed in Central Oahu because of current and future development. Discussion followed: 1) Ellis requested an amendment (a handout was distributed) to add: **Be It Further Resolved, the State DOT should sign off on all future developments and that the appropriate infrastructure needs created by the development have been properly planned and built at the time construction commences.** The amendment was accepted. 2) Suwa, for the record expressed reservations that it is a matter of perception and rather redundant. 3) Young suggested an amendment to add: **Be it further resolved that the Mililani/Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35 recommends...** . The amendment was accepted. **The motion carries by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.**

A brief discussion ensued regarding the item B being an Unfinished Business item. Ellis maintained that the procedure is that the new motion should be brought up under New Business. **Graffigna moved, Ribellia moved to move item B under Unfinished Business (Motion: to establish a “Special Committee” to create a “Coalition” with other Central Oahu Communities and Special Interest Groups for the purpose of discussing ongoing and future development in Central O’ahu) to New Business.** The motion failed, 5-1-0, due to the lack of 6 votes required to pass the motion. **Nay:** Ellis.

Another motion ensued to add the previous item to the August agenda. **Ribellia moved, Graffigna seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-1-0.** **Nay:** Ellis.

Launani Valley – Status of request from resident that Wikao Street should be “No Parking” and Enforcement Issues

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (OMPO CAC) – Young reported notice of an OMPO CAC meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room #301. Included on the agenda is the election of officers (current slate, Joe Magaldi, Chair, Charles Ko, Vice Chair) and a presentation of the Intra Island Ferry Demonstration Project by the Department of Transportation.

Ellis noted strikers are on the road going up and down H-2. They're starting to arrive at the harbor so you'll see them on the road, but not at peak time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECESS IN JULY – The next Regular Meeting of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board will be held on August 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.

RECESSED IN JULY – The next Committee of the Whole Meeting will be on August 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no other Board business. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Assistant